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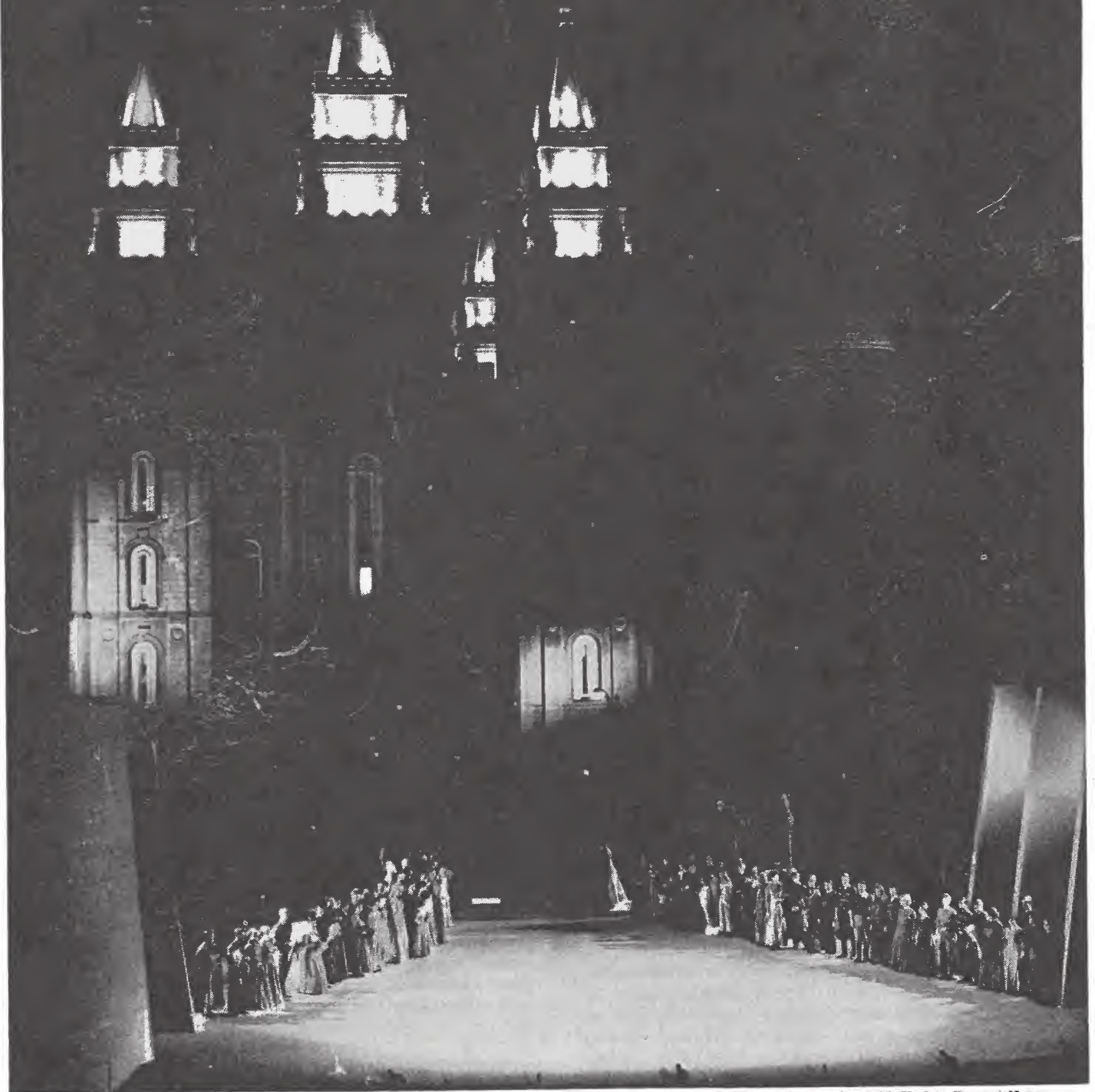


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*Scene From 'Promised Valley' A Hub Of Attraction For SUP
Members During Salt Lake Encampment August 23-24*

The President's Message

By Francis L. Christensen



Taking Time To Be Sociable

IN ALL their persecutions, hardships and sufferings our pioneer forebears took time out for relaxation. It was this characteristic which renewed them for the rigors of the coming days. Those who were hardest pressed or most sorely afflicted received extra attention, sympathy and spiritual guidance from those who, at the time, were less burdened.

In their social gatherings that same warmth took on a lighter vein and heighth, and the spirit of comradeship and fun. Those who, in the stress of the struggle were a bit grim and depressed, responded to the influence of the light-hearted and their evenings were sometimes restrained at the verge of what the ultra-genteel might call boisterous.

I have seen the same spirit in the gatherings of our Sons of the Utah Pioneers, particularly its socials and encampments. Where the women meet with their companions there is found that same warm sociability, the easy flow of conversation among folks whose daily paths are not intimate, the lowering of that reserve which might otherwise make of us semi-strangers. This is a rich fact of our cherished heritage and it is good to see that it is being retained.

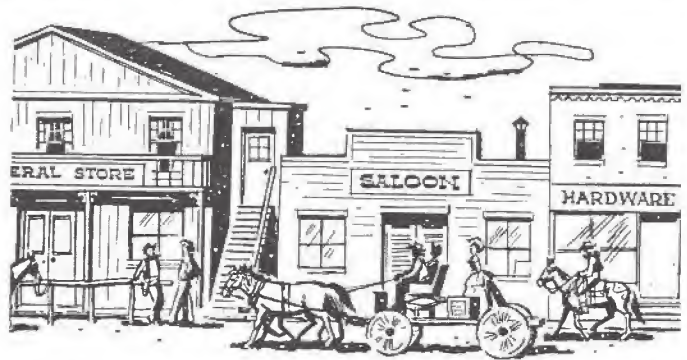
It is good too, that we consciously promote occasions and functions that encourage the preservation and growth of this spirit. And if modern circumstances are not conducive to this, may we not hesitate to be a bit old-fashioned?

Cooperation in Colonizing

IN THE TRUE democratic spirit of brotherhood, the early Saints and their leaders shared equally in opportunities. "No man can buy land here, for no one has any land to sell," declared Brigham Young to his party the second day in the Salt Lake Valley.

"But every man shall have his land measured out to him, which he must cultivate in order to keep it. Besides, there shall be no private ownership of the streams that come out of the canyons, nor the timber that grows on the hills. These belong to the people: all the people."

—Nels Anderson, "The Desert Saints"



Pioneer Song Was Too Funny

IT WAS OFTEN a burden on new settlers to be uprooted or sent out to help colonize some new outpost of Zion. Only their sense of humor saved some troubled souls from rebelling at the new hardships.

One of the pioneer, cotton missionaries of St. George was a man named George A. Hicks, who, with his wife, was called to "Dixie" from a little farm in Cottonwood, near Salt Lake City. In 1864 he wrote a humorous ballad, to a currently popular tune of the West, "Sweet Betsy of Pike." His humor was not appreciated by one prominent church leader (Erastus Snow) who ordered that this song be sung no more.

The song did not die when banned; it was sung on the sly by many a Saint who would not have given up his Dixie mission whatever the cost.

—Pioneer Songs, compiled by the DUP

Wagon Train Waits For A Tenor

BRIGHAM YOUNG loved to hear people sing, and it was part of his policy to send out with each colony a musical leader to carry on that part of the Sabbath service, even if he were a cobbler or a wheelwright during the week, as many of them were.

One group of Saints, which was going to the central part of Utah to settle, was held up several days awaiting the arrival of a handcart company from the East, hoping that there might be a tenor among the newcomers.

During 1870, the *Millennial Star*, in Liverpool, reproduced an item from the *Deseret News* of April 3, 1870, in which Bishop Hughes of Mendon, Cache County, offered ten acres of the best land in the settlement, to a "good basso, tenor, alto, and soprano, who were good members of a society, and good readers of music, and would settle at Mendon and attend meeting regularly.

—*Millennial Star*, XXXII, p. 302

Work As A Blessing

If your dignity will not allow you to bend down to the smaller things, then you were never worthy of a seat among the great. It was only chance that placed you there, and the first little shake of the apple tree will tumble you down.

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Lure Of The Encampment

Figure the reasons why an SUP member should or should not participate in the Salt Lake Encampment, August 23-24 and the "shoulds" will out-score the "shouldn'ts" about 100 to 1. As a matter of fact only the recalcitrants, if any, will be able to come up with anything even remotely resembling a rational response.

The annual conclave of the SUP is essential to its continuance and its survival for the following reasons:

- It is the clearing medium for information and instruction from the national president and board to the chapters which depend considerably upon centralized leadership.
- The encampment provides the ideal opportunity for chapter leaders to become acquainted with each other so they can choose intelligently their national leaders for the following year.
- It brings all the top brass together for the discussions of plans and policies of importance to the entire membership.
- The SUP Encampment provides an opportunity for the members to bring their wives together for a get-acquainted outing and vacation away from the routine of family living and giving them a chance to enjoy somebody else's cooking and housework.
- An encampment invariably results in the establishment of many true and lasting friendships and what is there in this brief life that is of greater worth than friends?

The convention this year is here in Salt Lake City which has more interesting places and things to see, all in close proximity, than any convention city in the country. Where can you find a city in all the world with stellar attractions within a few steps of each other, such as:

Temple Square, the awe-inspiring Visitors Center, Promised Valley Theater, the restored Lion House, Hansen Planetarium, and the mammoth Salt Palace Civic Auditorium and Sports Center, now being constructed. Then, for side tours there is the world famous genealogical vaults in Cottonwood Canyon, the Kennecott Copper Mines, largest open-surface mine on earth, and other places and things that even our home-grown SUP's never bother to see. Truly, this will be a tremendous encampment!

We have presented a few of the reasons why you should attend the Salt Lake Encampment of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, August 23-24. Can you think of one good reason why you should not?

'Why Did The Lord Permit It?'

A WEeping mother, speaking in a testimony meeting, expressed her profound gratitude that the life of her son, fighting in Vietnam, had been preserved because of her prayers. The truck in which her boy was riding was ambushed and most of the occupants killed but this young man escaped unharmed.

"Do you mean," the mother was asked following the meeting, "that the Lord saved your boy because you prayed for him and let those other fellows die because their mothers were less devout?" She replied that she was certain her prayers had saved her boy.

"Then," said a companion, "you do not understand the true principle of prayer. What kind of a God do you believe in anyway, permitting men, both good and bad, to die, if their mothers neglect to pray for them and saving any kind of boy, provided his mother requested it?"

This sort of expectation, that God will make exceptions of the devout, or those who have been prayed for, is puerile. How could a God of justice, righteousness and love play favorites in this fantastic fashion?

The same is true when belief takes more developed forms. Shall God be asked to intervene and save a nation from the consequences of its sins? He never has. All civilizations have fallen because of the evils they would not remedy. God would not save Jerusalem just because it was the Holy City. It would be saved only if its inhabitants gave up the evils that had condemned it. God works through law, moral law which cannot be suspended.

A frequently-asked question, usually answered unsatisfactorily, is: 'Why did the Lord permit it?' He has given us the answer if we will but recognize it, one that will help us to keep the faith, to find purpose and peace in spite of pain, sorrow and adversity.

We learn from the scriptures that the Lord does not equate prosperity exclusively with material acquisitions. He does not promise the faithful and obedient that they will enjoy immunity from the tribulations of this world. It is written in the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus bade his disciples to "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you. . . ." He told them that as the Father . . . "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good," so he "sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Who knows but that those young men whose mothers may not have prayed for them and were taken in the war, after all received the greater blessing, having been "received into a state of happiness which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace where they shall rest from all care and sorrow." (Book of Mormon, Alma 40:12)

Who would want to pray away such a blessing?

Mormon Battalion On The March

Kanab Encampment Event Long To Be Remembered

By Col. Marvin E. Smith
Commanding Officer
Mormon Battalion

The Kanab Trek was wonderful! The fact that SUP Pres. Francis L. Christensen and ten of his national board members participated is a real indication that they "care".

The people of southern Utah were tremendous. Col. Fred M. Reese proved this point when he



Col. Smith

sponsored them as new members of the SUP and Mormon Battalion. Also serving as chairman of the two-day event, Fred saw to it that we enjoyed some choice and unusual talent at the two evening programs which followed dinners which were special. Prior to this 13th Annual Mormon Battalion Day, and working alone, Col. Reese had received 52 pledges to join SUP and 45 to join "MB". For this service we are grateful.

Upwards of 80 people came to Kanab from outside of Kane County for this special "house-warming" welcome. It was a better attended business meeting and banquet than was held one year ago in Salt Lake City.

Another delightful feature was the boat ride up Antelope Canyon on Lake Powell till the vertical stone walls converged so narrow that further progress was impossible. A tour inside Glen Canyon Dam was full of interest, as were visits to Pipe Springs, Ariz. and Johnson Canyon, scene of movie sets.

Program Numbers

Program numbers at the Saturday banquet included a soprano solo, "Flag Without a Stain," by Marge Dubach; a musical reading by Elsie Rasmussen entitled "Mormon Battalion;" a series of vocal and instrumental numbers by members of the Dixie College



Some of the Kanab Mormon Battalion trekkers from Logan, Ogden, Huntsville, Salt Lake City and Provo, a goodly portion of the 80 or more that attended the gala event. The patrons were thrilled and delighted at the Kanab reception and quite over-awed by Kane County's marvelous scenic wonders.

music faculty under the direction of Mrs. Roene DeFiore.

A grand march to the music of a 13-piece old-time orchestra from Long Valley, was led by Pres. and Mrs. Daniel S. Frost of the Kanab Stake, and Pres. and Mrs. Christensen, Brigham City. During the dance which followed many exclaimed that it had been years since they had heard such beautiful waltzes.

A novelty "One-man" band by Garn Swapp entertained the group Friday evening. This was followed by a ladies instrumental quartet which involved everyone in group singing.

Sunday Meetings

After singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" to our gracious hosts, Fred and Elva Reese, Bus Captain Ray Wangsgaard headed his "congregation" for home. Bishop William Hurd, with the assistance of counselors LeRoy Stoker and Mel Rollins, conducted the Sunday meetings on this beautiful sunny Mother's Day.

Irene Smith was selected as a representative mother and presented with an appropriate gift.

A beautiful trip was enjoyed through Zion Park. Lunch was served in Cedar City where we again got to wave at our friends Ray and Clara Knell. We then stopped for a brief view of the restored pioneer home in Parowan which faces the historic town square.

Did you know?—Les Pugh was the first man in Kanab to join the Mormon Battalion. Harold H. Jenson did his usual good work in public relations. Editor Marlin B. Brown of the Southern Utah News gave a front page "Welcome" . . . Lt. S. Roy Chipman did his usual fine service as finance officer for the trek . . . Mayor Marion Boler of St. George sang with the Dixie College musical program . . . Mayor Verl Dixon and family of Provo were actively present . . . Captain Quentin Thomas brought a choice group from northern Utah.

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Best Wishes to SUP



Seated at the head table at the annual SUP President Banquet held at Pioneer Village, April 22 were: Chaplain and Mrs. Joel Richards, Membership Chair-

man and Mrs. Everett Call; Chapter President and Mrs. Charles Bird, Pres. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasmussen.

The Chapter Presidents' Banquet

Gala Affair Attracts 16 Group Leaders And Partners

Presidents or vice presidents of 16 SUP chapters and 18 national board members, with their partners enjoyed a most enjoyable evening in the Pioneer Village Auditorium, Saturday, April 20 at the annual Chapter Presidents' Banquet. The lustre of the gala event was dimmed somewhat by the absence of President Francis L. Christensen who took ill on the way from his home in Brigham City and had to turn back.

Charles Bird, member of the national board and program chairman took charge and acted as master of ceremonies. Charles had quite a busy evening presiding and singing. He was one of the "win-some foursome," the Starline Quartet, with George Denos, Robert Whitmore and Clyde Helme, which provided a delightful group of selections. Grace Riches Parrish was accompanist. Suzane Cheney, soprano, was a

charming and brilliant soloist in number of pieces.

It snowed all over Utah most of the day which failed to reduce the attendance much. Chapter presidents in attendance were: E. F. Wright, Box Elder; John F. Jones, Brigham Young; Thomas V. Wall, Buena Ventura; Floyd Atkin, Cedar City; George Feller, Dixie Mission; E. Morton Hill, East Mill Creek; Verl G. Dixon, George Albert Smith Chapter; George R. Quist, Holladay; Loren J. Hardy, Jefferson Hunt; Leon S. Taylor, Lehi; William E. Johnson, Ogden Pioneer Luncheon; L. Ray Gardiner, Pioneer; Hoyt W. Brewster, Sons of Utah Pioneer

Luncheon Club; Alvin G. Pack, Sugar House; Earl Gordon, Temple Fork; Wayne W. Berrett, Temple Quarry.

We were sorry chapter presidents from the California groups were unable to attend. We hope they can make it next year.

I give myself over to my rapture. I tremble; my blood leaps. God has waited 6000 years for a looker-on to His work. His wisdom is infinite; that of which we are ignorant is contained in Him, as well as the little that we know.

—Johannes Kepler, astronomer

A deeper and firmer belief in God can be the only result of a better insight into truth.

—Albert McC. Winchester, biologist

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Our Readers Write— Many Thanks To Kanab!

Although the SUP Mormon Battalion at Kanab have now gone into the record book, the memory of our delightful and exciting days there will linger long in the pleasantness of memory. As public relations officer of the battalion and one of its officers, I deem it a pleasant duty and special privilege to extend to our Kanab hosts the deep gratitude all of us feel for the graciousness and kindness shown in our behalf during this encampment.

We appreciate the big play given our sojourn there by the Southern Utah News, the outstanding talent of Dixie College students who entertained us, directed by Mrs. Bee Fury; the old-time band, especially Garn Swapp (the one-man band) and the fine concert given in American Legion Hall. It was entertainment par excellence all the time.

The meals served by the Kanab hosts and the Relief Society were fit for kings and we were all glad we had our queens with us, especially on Mother's Day. Exciting too, was the boat trip to Lake

Powell, attended by 70 convention visitors.

It is altogether appropriate to commend Col. Fred Reese of the battalion and his charming Elva, who spearheaded the gala event, and all those swell fellows who will make up the new chapter of SUP that will be formed there. Our compliments also to Leslie Pugh who was the first to join the forthcoming chapter.

May we come again, Kanab?

—Col Harold H. Jenson
Public relations officer
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Colorful Old Church Located

Some time ago my husband and I, my father and others of our community went on a rough but enjoyable ride south from Pipe Springs, National Monument, Ariz. to Grand Canyon National Monument. The trip was most inspiring and thrilling.

The important event of the trip was the discovery of a colorful and picturesque old church about half way from Pipe Springs to Grand Canyon. It was empty and seemed to have been abandoned but there still were the benches, pulpit and the most exquisite purple glass windows you ever saw. It was a wonderful sight to behold and surely must have been a little nook of some importance at one time.

I mention this because I was wondering if Pioneer Village, meaning the incomparable, enthusiastic and generous Horace A. Sorensen, might be interested in acquiring this quaint old church for Pioneer Village. I have no idea who owns it, but most likely he would dispose of it since it isn't being used. I have a few pictures of this old chapel, if any of the SUP folks are interested in them.

—Lucille Asay, Sandy
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If a universe could create itself, it would embody the powers of a creator, and we should be forced to conclude that the universe itself of a God.

—George Davis, physicist

'How Old Is Old?' That's The Question

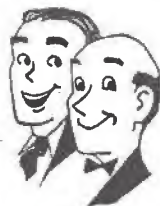
Recently I read where a Jewish Rabbi in New York had spoken on the question of how old is old. He pointed out that a young man is too old at age 21 to enter a military academy; that a baseball player is considered old at 35; that a United States Senator is thought rather young at the same age; and that people feel better is the President of the United States is in his early 60's or at least in the 50's.

He then said, "Let us always remember that one is as young as his faith, as old as his doubts, as young as his confidence, as old as his fears, as young as his hope, as old as his despair."

In other words, his thought is: If we have faith, confidence, and hope, we are still young no matter how many years we have lived. If we have doubts, fears, and despair, we may be old even though our years be few. —Glen L. Rudd



SUP PROFILES



H. Alvah Fitzgerald

H. Alvah Fitzgerald, devoted SUP member from Provo, and widely-known social worker was born in Draper, Utah Nov. 10, 1890. He graduated with the first graduation class of Jordan High School in 1911.



Mr. Fitzgerald

Alvah received his bachelor and a master of science degrees from Brigham Young University where he was active in most all student activities. He also attended the University of Utah, University of Southern California and Columbia University.

He married Myrtle Kirkham of Lehi in 1914. He has seven children and twenty-four grandchildren.

He was principal of seminaries in Kanab, Utah, Shelly, Idaho and Lehi, Utah. He served as director of the Institute of Religion for three years in Cedar City and the Snow College Institute for 17 years. He was an instructor of religion at Brigham Young University until 1964.

At present he is a member of the faculty Emeritus at Brigham

Young University. He is an honorary Master M-Men in the MIA program. He served as bishop in the Ephraim South Ward for three years and first counselor in the South Sanpete Stake Presidency for eight years.

Mr. Fitzgerald has served as president of the Ephraim Lions Club and district governor in 1948. He was chairman of the Ephraim Centennial celebration in 1954. At present he is a member of the National Board of the American Red Cross.

Eldred Center Chief

In August of 1962 the Provo City Commission created, by ordinance, a Senior Citizens and Eldred Center Executive Board with Mr. Fitzgerald as chairman. This committee planned and promoted the Eldred Center Building with dedicatory services in February of 1965.

Since this date, the Provo Senior Citizens Council on Aging, under the able direction of Mr. Fitzgerald, has developed an extensive educational, cultural and recreational program for Senior Citizens. As well as being president of this organization, this capable leader is also vice president of the Utah County Council on Aging.

PRAYER OF MOTHER

They are so small, dear God!
The school is blocks away —
Their steps so prone to lag
At bits of color in the street.
Make keen the eyes of drivers;
Stay the grinding wheels of trucks.
Spare us from tiny splintered bones.
From flesh, like blossoms, crushed upon
the stones.

—Jessie Wilmore Murton

W. O. Facer

W. O. Facer, Sons of the Utah Pioneers Life Member No. 86, is the oldest of a family of eight, four boys and four girls. He was born to W. J. and Caroline Williams Facer, Dec. 3, 1884 in Willard, Utah. When he was seven years of age the family moved to a ranch in Malad Valley, Idaho where he learned ranching the



Mr. Facer

hard way. When he was 15 years of age, his father was called on a mission to England, and for the next two and one-half years he ran the ranch, provided for the family, and maintained his father on his mission.

In 1903 the family returned to Willard, when his father was called to be bishop of the Willard Ward.

In October, 1906, he was called on a mission to the Samoan Islands where he labored until April 1907, when he was assigned with another young missionary to open the Tongan Mission. Here he labored for three years, teaching school and doing missionary work with great success, converting many. He returned to Utah in 1910 and engaged in railroading.

On September 13, 1911, he was married to Olive Esther Harding in the Salt Lake Temple. They first made their home in Ogden Fourth Ward where he worked in the Sunday School, teaching a class of boys and girls from the Deaf and Blind School. He also worked with the Aaronic Priesthood. In 1914 he became affiliated with the Blackman & Griffin Co. of Ogden as salesman with a territory in Northern Utah and Southern Idaho.

In 1919 the family moved to Salt Lake City when he became affiliated with a wholesale firm

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What's In a Name?

Romantic Story Of Spanish Explorations

By T. Mack Woolley

Green River, Rio Buenaventura, Rio Verde, has its source in the high Wind River Mountains in southwestern Wyoming. This drainage was Crow Indian territory and their name of the river was SEEDS-KE-DEE AGEE,



for "Prairie Hen River;" Agee is Crow for "river." By this name the upper reaches of the river were known in the earliest exploratory times. The Shoshoni and the Utes named the river Ka'na, their equivalent

to Bitterroot from the great abundance of this pink flowered herb which gave them a favorite, nutritious tuber.

Green River runs southerly into Utah, where it is soon diverted easterly by the Uinta Mountains, coursing in that direction to flank the east shoulder of the Uintas and to form a grand loop in Colorado; thence southwesterly into the picturesque Canon Lodore and Dinosaur National Monument to return into Utah; then after veering almost due south for long dis-

tances makes a confluence with the Colorado River at the foot of Orange Cliffs in San Juan County.

In 1776 occurred a most remarkable, though objectively futile entrance of Spanish explorers into the upper Colorado and Green River drainage areas and into the great Basin. The urge for commutation and consolidation between the two Spanish provinces of Nuervo, Mexico and Alta, California was stimulated by the Russian advance down the Pacific Coast. The Dominguez-Escalante expedition was undertaken accordingly, the expedition set out to find an overland route from the upper Rio Grande del Norte to Monterey via Lake Utah, although the existence and position of that lake was then hazy.

A decade before, Don Juan Maria de Rivera had explored as far north as the present Gunnison River, and the country became well known to the Spanish; Spanish names were given the prominent natural features, most of which are still on the land.

The Escalante party pursued a course generally northward from this area. They got into the Cliff Creek drainage which led them down to the Green River bottoms which they followed up to near the mouth of Split Mountain Canyon, above the site of Jensen,

Utah. Here they forded the Green River and named it Rio San Buenaventura; Buenaventura is comprised of two words buena ventura which is "good fortune." The Escalante party were the first Europeans on this mountain river. They pursued a westward course into the Great Basin and to Lake Utah. Other explorers, traders, and trappers from the upper Rio Grande came into this region in the first half of the next century.

Green River was known to Americans in the trapper era — 1820-1839 as the Spanish River, since it was in Spanish territory. The Spaniards gave the river the name Rio Verde meaning "green river." Fremont has this to say on the Green River:

"The refreshing appearance of the broad river, with its shores and greenwooded islands, in contrast to its dry sandy plains probably obtained for it the name Green River which was bestowed by the Spanish who first came to this area in about 1818."

Gannett, writes as follows: "Green River was so called from the green shale through which it flows." Some may say that a man named Green in Fremont's outfit had the river named after him but I can find no proof of this. If you look at photos taken from the air or high above the river you can see the water looks very green."

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Part of the 23 chartered buses which brought 1375 school children to Pioneer Village on May 16, as they lined up on the Village parking lot. They came



from towns from Logan to Nephi. Right — Children waiting for turns on the oxen ride.

1375 School Children Visit Village In One Day For New Attendance Mark

It was a gala day for Pioneer Village on May 10, and for 1375 school children from towns as far north as Logan and south to Nephi, held their pioneer history class at the great museum at 2998 Conner Street. This was an all-time record for attendance at the village for any one day.

Guiding the energetic and enthused visitors through the Village were: Moroni Schindler, director; Lee Wheeler, driving the famous "praying oxen"; Lafayette Smith with the trained horses; Caroline Schindler, in charge of the buildings and Ester Burt taking care of the entrance fees.

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The public will be admitted free to all historical monuments sites hereafter, it has been decided by the Coordinating Council for Natural Resources. The Utah Parks and Recreation Division has found the cost of collecting admissions charges was greater than the traffic could bear.

Vernal and other Uintah County leaders have fought the fee-charging project for a number of years. The dinosaur and other exhibits in the Field House of Natural History in that vicinity were by-passed by many tourists because of the cost of admission, it was reported. Several civic organizations have contributed to the exhibits to make them top attractions, drawing more than 200,000 visitors last year.

The Parks and Recreation Division has been charging admission fees for the Stage Coach Inn at old Camp Floyd, in west Utah County; The Brigham Young Winter Home in St. George, the Jacob Hamblin Home at Santa Clara and the old State Capitol at Fillmore. Council members had decided to charge admission fees at the This Is The Place Monument before the fee ban was effected.

250th Anniversary

Sons Of Pioneers To Erect M.B. Monument At San Diego

By Les Goates
Church Information Service

In commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of San Diego, the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers will erect a heroic-size bronze figure of a soldier from the Mormon Battalion at the present Mormon Battalion marker site on the old Fort Hill overlooking San Diego Bay. The figure portrayed by Mormon Artist Ed Fraughton shows a marching soldier with a rifle over his shoulder, his pack on his back and a Book of Mormon clasped in his hand.

The 9½-foot figure, cast in bronze for outdoor exposure, will rest on a cast-stone base with a concrete curtain as a backdrop. Several bronze tablets attached to the curtain wall will explain the monumental accomplishments of the Mormon Battalion giving a brief history of its historic trek and pointing up its outstanding achievements during the winter of 1946-47 which it spent in San Diego building the historic old fort and other community facilities.

Cost of the monument will be approximately \$18,000. October 1 is the tentative deadline for erection of the monument.

The 23 chapters of the SUP in Utah and California, comprising approximately 1200 members, will conduct projects, promote subscriptions and otherwise procure funds for the project. Francis L. Christensen of Brigham City, Utah, is chairman of the board of directors.

Battalion Achievements

The accomplishments of the Mormon Battalion during the War with Mexico were extolled by Lieut. Col. Phillip St. George Cooke, commanding officer, in a citation which read in part:

"History may be searched in vain for an equal march of infantry. Half of it has been through a wilderness where nothing but savages and wild beasts are found,

or deserts where, for want of water, there is no living creature. There, with almost hopeless labor, we have dug wells which the future traveler will enjoy.

"Without a guide who had traveled them, we have ventured into trackless tablelands where water was not found for several marches. With crowbar and pick or axe in hand we have worked our way over mountains which seemed to defy ought save the wild mountain goat, and hewed a pass through a chasm of rock narrower than our wagons."

The battalion did all this in fulfilling an official U.S. Army assignment unprecedented in military history:

- It made the longest infantry march ever undertaken, more than 2,000 miles.
- The battalion opened the first wagon road to the Pacific over the southern route.

Opened New Southwest

- It was instrumental in acquiring a vast southwestern empire for the United States.
- It raised the Stars and Stripes for the first time over Fort Tucson and Fort Moore in what was then the settlement of Los Angeles.
- Some battalion members, after their honorable discharge, participated in the discovery of gold at Coloma, Calif. This precipitated a great colonization movement to the west coast, opened new trade and strengthened the distant national boundaries.

• After mustering out in California, the Mormon soldiers worked during the winter, purchased much-needed supplies and seed to take to the new Mormon colony in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. Members sent all the money they had over and above expenses, back to their families to assist them on the arduous trek across the plains, an exodus unexceeded by even the flight of the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Course of March

More than 500 members of the Mormon Battalion were enlisted



*Mormon Battalion Monument
... From SUP to San Diego City*

from the advance group of the westbound pioneers. Five companies were formed at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mt. Pisgah, 180 miles to the east. They left on July 21, 1846, to march to Fort Leavenworth to receive supplies and equipment for the expedition to the Pacific.

They marched through Pueblo, Santa Fe, Fort Tucson, San Diego and on to Los Angeles where now stands an impressive monument to the Mormon Battalion at Fort Moore now the Los Angeles Civic Center, a memorial financed by the Ford Foundation and the Sons and Daughters of the Mormon Pioneers of California and Utah.

Col. Cooke, commander of the Mormon Battalion, was a West Point graduate. Although a native Virginian he fought in the Civil War on the side of the North. He died in 1895 and was buried in Detroit, Mich.



Hosts For Sons Of Utah Pioneers Encampment

Representatives of Salt Lake area chapters of the SUP who will host the Salt Lake Encampment, August 23-24 are: front - Charles Bird, Marvin E. Smith, L. Ray Gardiner, Jr.; Milton V. Backman,

general chairman, Horace A. Sorensen, T. Mack Woolley. Rear - George Quist, Hoyt Brewster, Harold H. Jensen, E. Morton Hill, Alvin Pack and Wayne Barrett. (Photo by Cal Briggs)

The Great Salt Lake SUP Encampment

By LES GOATES
(Editor Pioneer Magazine)

Unique places and spectacular events that can be seen nowhere else in the world, comprise the program for the annual encampment of the national society, the Sons of the Utah pioneers in Salt Lake City, Aug. 23 & 24.

The conclave is under the direction of Milton V. Backman, immediate past president of SUP, with Charles Bird associate chairman. Hoyt Brewster, president of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club of the SUP, is program chairman. They have planned meetings and entertainment that will keep the delegates and their guests busy and excited from Friday noon until late Saturday evening.

Convention headquarters will be the Pioneer Memorial Village 2998 Conner Street where the business meetings will be held

Saturday morning. The first session will be the annual business meeting with the board and members, followed by the election of officers for 1968-69. Francis L. Christensen of Brigham City is president and he will become immediate past president unless the delegates "draft" him for a second term.

Salt Lake City's celebrated places of interest have been placed on the schedule, Chairman Brewster has announced including "Promised Valley", especially arranged for visitors; The refurbished Bee Hive House and the Hansen Planetarium for the feminine

patrons, the world-famous Genealogical Vaults in Cottonwood Canyon; the Pioneer Village and other attractions.

A new feature of the gathering will be a meeting, for the first time, of all SUP life members.

Chapters of the Great Salt Lake District are hosts with the Salt Lake Luncheon Club group and the Pioneer Chapter spearheading the celebration. Other assignments include: Physical facilities - Rollo Kimball, chairman for the Sugar House and Holladay Chapters; Publicity and Public Relations - Wayne Barrett for the Temple Quarry Chapter; Registration - E. Morton Hill for the East Mill Creek Chapter; Decorations - Mormon Battalion; Publicity - Eugene Watkins of the National Board and Harold H. Jensen, national SUP historian.

The convention schedule is presented on the following page.

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The Ogden Chapter, SUP met recently and elected these officers for the 1968-69 term: front row - John A. Shaw, first vice president; William E. Johnson, president; Ferrell E. Carter, second vice president. Rear - Robert A. Hall, secretary; Vern Despain, historian. Not present - Keith Wiggins, treasurer; William J. Critchlow, III, judge advocate; Bradley Paul, chaplain.

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Lawrence M. Malan

Lawrence M. Malan, 83, active member of the Ogden Chapter of SUP, died April 30 at his home in Ogden of a heart ailment. He helped organize the chapter in 1945.

He was a perfectionist in all his endeavors, always immaculately dressed and a man without enemies.

Lawrence Malan was born Aug. 25, 1884 in Ogden, to Bartholomew and Louisa Maria Hatch

Malan. Married Ethel Shermer, Dec. 18, 1907. She died Jan. 24, 1937. Married Edvina Jeppson, Dec. 25, 1937.

Served as Weber County clerk, County Draft Board, member of Kiwanis Club and once voted "Father of the year." Former member Weber and Mt. Ogden Stake High Councils and bishop Ogden 23rd Ward. Survivors: four sons and three daughters. Funeral was May 4 and burial was in Ogden City Cemetery.

David R. Pingree

David Rollins Pingree, 79, longtime devoted member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died of natural causes March 10 in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Pingree was associated with the First National Bank, Ogden; the Merchants Bank, Salt Lake City; the Stockgrowers Bank of Pocatello, Ida., and Lyman Motor Co., Salt Lake City. He was also managing partner of the Morelite Lamp and Shade Co., Salt Lake City for 15 years.

He was a member of the High Priests Quorum of the East Twenty-seventh Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had held many ward

and stake positions. He was also a member of the Ensign Club.

Mr. Pingree was born May 24, 1888 in Ogden to David M. and Celestia Jane Rollins Pingree. He married Vervene Hayes in the Salt Lake Temple on Sept 6, 1916.

Surviving are his widow, two sons and a daughter, David R., Jr., and William H., both of Salt Lake City; Mrs. E. K. (Margaret) Reynolds, of Kingsport, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; two brothers and a sister, L. W., of San Jose, Calif.; Malcolm J., Ogden; and Mrs. Julius (Calest) Billeter of Salt Lake City.

Funeral services were held April 11 in the East Twenty-seventh Ward L.D.S. Chapel.

Joseph W. Olsen

Joseph William Olsen, 83, member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, died May 21 of natural causes in a Salt Lake City hospital. He was a teacher by profession and taught in public schools of Utah and Idaho and in a number of L.D.S. seminaries.

Mr. Olsen was born May 29, 1884 in Crescent, to Frederick A. and Hannah M. Olsen. He married Leona Cowley, Sept. 17, 1914 in the Salt Lake Temple. She died Nov. 19, 1966.

He received a B.S. degree from Utah State University and an M.S. from Brigham Young University. He taught at Oneida Academy, Beaver, Richfield, Moroni, Springville, Tooele and South High, Salt Lake City. He was a former member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. He served on a proselyting mission for the Church to the Eastern States in 1955-57.

Mr. Olsen is survived by three sons, two sisters and eight grandchildren.

Forester V. Kirby

Forester Vernon Kirby, 59, member of the Temple Quarry Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died of a heart ailment in a Murray hospital, May 28. He was employed as a truck driver for Utah Power & Light Company for a number of years.

Mr. Kirby was born April 6, 1909 in Salt Lake City, to John Joseph and Caroline Harwood Kirby. He married Beatrice Terry June 30, 1930 in the Salt Lake Temple.

He is survived by widow, sons, daughter, Terry F., Lavelle J., Mrs. Robert H. (Yvonne) Young, Mundelein, Ill., Also six grandchildren.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS at the regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held on Monday 10 June 1968, in Salt Lake City, Utah, consideration was given to the petition presently being circulated among the citizens of the State of Utah soliciting signatures authorizing the sale of Liquor by the Drink, and

WHEREAS the members of this board are aware of and concerned with the fact that passage of the proposed petition would enact a law in the State of Utah without any provision for any amendment, change or alterations, and

WHEREAS the members of this board considers this not to be in the interest of good government and further that this is in no sense a

political issue but a moral one which should be given careful and extensive study by the members of the Legislature of the State of Utah;

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby resolved that the members of the Executive Board of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers do oppose the proposed Liquor by the Drink petition which is being circulated among the citizens of the State of Utah and *urge the entire membership of this Society and indeed all citizens of the State of Utah* to actively oppose said petition.

This resolution was adopted unanimously and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Executive Board.

(Signed) FRANCIS L. CHRISTENSEN

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New officers of the Cedar City, SUP Chapter: Otto Fife, first vice president; Orson Haight, second vice president; Floyd Atkin, president; Haldow E.

Christensen, judge advocate; Blaine Stapley, chaplain. Not shown - Calvin Robb; third vice president and Sherril Davis, board member.

Cedar City SUP Group Names 1968-69 Leaders

Installation of new officers for the Cedar City Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers was conducted April 24 in the College of Southern Utah Cafeteria, as part of the annual "Bread and Milk" supper. Approximately 60 members and officers, local and national, participated.

Morris Shirts, professor at CSU and grandson of Peter Shirts, one of Dixie's most renowned pioneers, gave an interesting talk on pioneering in the Dixie country. Ray Knell, vice president of the National SUP Board gave a report calling attention to the National Encampment in Salt Lake City, August 23-24, and the trek of the Mormon Battalion to Kanab and Lake Powell, May 10-12.

Everett Call, chairman of the New Chapters Committee, suggested some membership projects and Harold H. Jensen, national historian complimented Cedar City on its famous Palmer Museum and Gronway Parry for his notable collection of pioneer vehicles and encouraged the building of a SUP Iron Mission park.

Thirteen Utah Centenarians Receive Tributes On Annual Old Folks Day

Thirteen Centenarians were in the elite circle of Utahns over 100 years of age, when the Old Folks Committee of the Church held its annual outing on June 19 in Liberty Park. Utah honors its older folk throughout the state more than any other state, according to Historian Harold H. Jensen whose record shows there are more centenarians and more citizens over 70 per capita in Utah, than in any state in the Union.

Members of the Utah "Centenarians Club" are:

Mrs. Juanita C. E. Rendon, Grantsville, 106.

Joseph Reed, 104, Roy Utah, 104.

Andri Brisco, Ogden, 103.

Mary A. Young, Salt Lake City, 104.

Suzannah McGhie, Salt Lake City, 102.

Mrs. William Day, Salt Lake City, 102.

George R. Miles, St. George, 101.

Catherine Griffith, Logan, 102.

Mrs. Joseph Morgan, East Mill Creek, 100.

Mrs. Caroline E. Pringle, Salt Lake City, 101.

Mrs. Annie M. Smith, Salt Lake City, 101.

Mrs. Lois B. Whittaker, Circleville, 100.

Dr. Edward R. Rich, Ogden, 100.

Mrs. Ella Sullivan, Salt Lake City, 100.

(Note: Mrs. Hilda Erickson, Grantsville, who died Jan. 1, 1968, at 108, was Utah's oldest emigrant pioneer. Dr. Rich is the oldest member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.)

Oldest living married couples, as far as known:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Sleater, Salt Lake City, married 72 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biggs, Draper, married 71 years.

Pres. and Mrs. David O. McKay, Salt Lake City, married 67 years.

Old Folks Day started in Utah in 1875 at Linton's Resort now Black Rock on Great Salt Lake. With three exceptions the outing has been held every year since.

Couple Of The Month

Goates' Given Gold Wedding

NOTE: Our congenial editor, Les Goates and his lovely bride of 50 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 16, 1968 at a reception in their honor at the East Mill Creek Ward Chapel. The little white, historic 100-year-old chapel at the crossroads, which Les remodeled and modernized when serving as bishop, never had a happier crowd. Over 400 persons came to pay honor to this couple, who have done so much for so many. Without his knowledge, the SUP Board decided to use this occasion to make Les and Leda Goates the SUP Couple of the Month.

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When World War I erupted, the first group drawn for the military service draft in Utah County included Lesley Goates. Responding to the call to the colors he left his employment as principal and teacher of the Hinckley (Utah) Elementary School and reported for duty at Fort Lewis, Washington.

After six weeks in the 166th Depot Brigade, he was transferred to the psychological examining board, where he assumed charge of group examinations for men who could not read, write nor speak English. With some stability established, Les quickly sent for his Lehi sweetheart, Leda Kirkham, and they were married in a gay, military wedding on May 16, 1918. Their marriage was later solemnized on May 11, 1921 in the Salt Lake Temple.

That union, now 50 years long, has ripened into a beautiful companionship. We see them together now, happy, in reasonably good health and still serving their friends and neighbors and brightening everyone's day with their engaging smiles and kindly words.

Les was the product of a miracle birth. In a little, white adobe home by the railroad track in Lehi, Utah, on February 10, 1894, the ninth child was born to Louisa Muans and George Hyrum Goates. At seven weeks of age this premature son weighed only three pounds, and in addition to his tiny size, had a serious physical deformity of a vital body function. The doctors said he could not live, and his parents were urged to let him die because, as



Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Goates

they were told, he could not amount to anything anyway. But his mother had great faith and she fasted and prayed without ceasing for her wee, little baby. Because of this great faith and a blessing given the tiny infant in the language of Adam, Lesley Goates was permitted to live and rear a family in Zion as was promised in that blessing.

In the same town, on October 31, 1899, a second child Leda

(who became Les' wife) was born to Emily Hoggard and William Kirkham. She grew up and was educated in the Lehi schools and attended faithfully all the Church organizations, participating in many of the cultural activities. She was "discovered" for this eternal companionship, by her Lehi Junior High School English teacher, who later was to become her husband.

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in that city with a territory in Central and Southern Utah.

In 1922 the family moved again. This time to Provo, Utah where he continued his work as an ambassador of commerce until 1931 when he was employed by Provo City as watermaster until 1941 when he was advanced to the office of superintendent of streets. This position he held until he was retired in 1962.

He has worked in all of the organizations of the Church, was a member of the Utah Stake Sunday School Board, scout committeeman, councilor in the Provo Fifth Ward bishopric from 1927 to 1929, Bishop of the Provo Fifth Ward from 1929 to 1939, member of the Provo Stake High Council for 15 years.

The Facers have four children, two boys and two girls; Mrs. Walter H. (Alice) Seiter, Heber City, Utah; Blaine H. Facer, Provo, Utah; Mrs. Ralph H. (Ruth) Andrus, Spanish Fork, Utah; and Mack H. Facer, Oakland, Calif. They have eighteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Utah's Population 1,346,000 By 1980

Utah's population is expected to reach 1,346,000 by 1980, a gain of 51 per cent since 1960, according to the Meinhard-Commercial Corp.

The firm based its estimates on an analysis of recent populations by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The gain would give Utah six-tenths of a per cent of the U. S. populations compared with one half per cent in 1960—making the Beehive state one of only 16 states expected to gain a greater share of the nation's population by 1980.

Nevada is expected to gain 146 per cent, moving the state from 49th to 46th in population size.

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SUP Couple Of The Month...

Les and Leda Goates Wed 50 Years

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Following the war, Les taught at Lehi and served also as the correspondent for the Salt Lake Herald and the Deseret News. Lesley and Leda brought their firstborn child, Helen, to Salt Lake City to live when Les was offered a job on the editorial staff of the News, starting as copy editor, then sports editor—a post he filled for 29 years. He will be long-remembered and loved as a sports columnist. His column "Les Go by Les Goates," carried more than 2,000 editorials and upward of 200 verses in one of the longest continuous newspaper writings in American journalism.

After 29 years as a sports editor, Les became daily columnist, Church News production editor, and editorial writer until he retired after 44 years on the Deseret News staff. He has published three books and has another one almost ready for the printers. He is editor of S.U.P. Pioneer Magazine.

Leda has been a faithful, active and inspirational Church worker wherever the family home has been established. She has sung in every ward choir in every ward. She became the first president of the Lincoln Ward YWMIA and during her tenure, two historic accomplishments were made. The ward twice won the All-Church M-Men basketball championship, and she organized a young women's chorus with Les as conductor. This obscure group expanded into the Symphony Singers, and entertained Utah audiences for 20 years. Many accomplished singers and musicians have come from this organization, including Grant Johannesen, Utah's premier concert pianist and Blanche Christensen, famed soprano soloist.

In the Church, Les has served as choir director in many wards, as gospel doctrine teacher in Sunday School and ward and stake Sunday School superintendent in the Granite Stake. Moving to East Mill Creek Stake, Les served seven years as Bishop of the East Mill Creek Ward and later as a member of the East Mill Creek

Stake High Council. While senior High Councilman, he was called to be an ordained temple worker where he served until requested to employ again his writing talents as an editorial and public relations specialist with the Church Information Service, where he is now engaged.

The passing of two daughters has cast long shadows in life for Les and Leda. Early in marriage they lost their second baby, in infancy. Their eldest child, Helen, also died as one of the first casualties of Utah's war-time polio epidemic. Earlier Helen had married E. Clark Bird and a son, Dennis, reared for some years by Les and Leda, survives that union. Living children are Lesley Brent, now administrator of the Latter-day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City and Regional Representative of the Council of the Twelve; Bruce Larkin, clinical psychologist and assistant director, Salt Lake Community Mental Health Center; and Audrey Jeanne, now Mrs. Lewis Henry DeYoung, who lives with her six children and husband in East Mill Creek, not far from her parents. There are 16 grandchildren, two now serving on missions for the Church, and all provide joy and happiness for Les and Leda Goates.

Though retired from the pages of the daily newspaper for many years, Les is not forgotten. Even his journalistic friends from rival newspapers remember him. Recently John Mooney, sports editor of the Salt Lake Tribune wrote on Les' 74th birthday:

"One of the great guys in sports, Les Goates, celebrates his 74th birthday Saturday.

"Les, who served as a sports editor from 1919 through 1949, was one of those rare individuals in our profession who could be a tough competitor in pursuit of a story and a fine friend at the same time.

"Of course, the work was more fun than financially rewarding for sports writers in those days, too.

"We have a feeling, though, that Les, even at the ripe young age of 74, would still be having fun in his quiet, gentlemanly way, in the field of sports today.

"Les always has been that kind of a guy."

Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jensen
national historian the sup

"Spoken words soon die but valiant deeds and monuments of stone and bronze live on through the ages."

So will the records and achievements of the Mormon Battalion. Surely, these too, will endure throughout the years.



Hal Jensen

The proposed monument to be erected in honor of the Mormon Battalion on the site of the original San Diego settlement more than 200 years ago, is a project in which every son of a pioneer should be interested. The 9½-foot bronze statue, to be placed on the Presidio Park site of Fort Stockton will be a lasting reminder of the amazing achievement of this band of pioneer foot soldiers of the War with Mexico which made the longest infantry mark in the history of military science.

As SUP members we all have an obligation to support this worthy endeavor. It would seem the project is of sufficient importance to gain the support of westerners from all over, who are NOT members of SUP, to honor these Mormon soldiers for what they did for their country and their Church. The SUP is not overstepping its bounds when it asks businessmen-members of the Church, to join in the campaign.

The great historian Bancroft, speaking of the battalion, said: "These devotees of their religion, after their famous march and while participating in the gold rush

frenzy of the day, unhesitatingly laid down their wealth-getting implements, turned their backs on what all the country was most interested in at the time to march on to new toils and dangers to meet their exiled brethren in the desert.

"The homeward journey of the battalion also was one of path-finding. Three of their number went ahead to blaze the trail and were killed by Indians. Early in October 1848, the rest of the company arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley, in what was indeed a welcome 'home'."

It is of historical significance that from money earned by members of the Mormon Battalion, the Goodyear Claim, a tract of land embracing nearly all of what is now Weber County was purchased in 1848. The first party of battalion men returning to the valley from California also brought back with them garden and fruit seeds and a variety of wheat known as "taos", all of which enlarged the meager food supplies of the pioneers.

One hundred and twenty-two years have elapsed since the Mormon Battalion performed its heroics for the Church and their country. Now the people of Utah and California have an exceptional opportunity to demonstrate their devotions, their admiration and appreciation for what these pathfinders did for us all.

Sons of the Utah pioneers, daughters too, if so disposed, should feel it a privilege to help raise the \$18,000 that will be required to build this monument. It will not be too difficult a task if everybody participates, even if some can afford only a small sum. "Small contributions gratefully received; larger ones in proportion," as the political campaigner said.

I believe in an immortal soul. Science has proved that nothing disintegrates into nothingness. Life and soul, therefore, cannot disintegrate into nothingness, and so are immortal.

—Wernher von Braun, missile expert



Brigham Young
... greatest colonizer

Brigham Young

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Methodically, as if he were sticking pins in a map, he founded villages at all the strategic points of his empire, and by 1855, eight years after the arrival of the first pioneers, he had virtually taken possession of a territory larger than Texas.

—Wallace Stenger,
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New Sierra Chapter

Sacramento Group Off To Fine Start

By Duane B. Ford

SACRAMENTO — The new Sierra Chapter can report a successful initial season, although there is much work to be done to get the unit running smoothly. The group has met every month except one and has had some excellent programs. Remaining on the agenda is the business of getting our chapter's charter completed and incorporated.

We have some projects coming up that will help to offer service to our area and bring honor to our pioneer ancestors. We have been working with the curator at Sutter's Fort to achieve some possible participation there. We have also received recognition from the Gold Discovery State Park for our rebuilding the cabin in which the Mormon boys stayed while working at Sutter's Sawmill.

The mill is producing lumber and the owners think that the re-

building of several miners' cabins is appropriate at this time as that is what the original mills lumber was used for.

Mr. John B. Hassler of Coloma gave us a report on these projects at our last meeting held April 27 at his place, the Sierra Nevada House No. 3.

We feel that there is great potential for growth in this chapter but thus far, because of the busy schedules of our members, we have not been able to organize completely for these projects.

It was with some regret that we accepted the resignation of Allen Welt as a member of the chapter. Changes in his work make it quite impossible for him to participate.

The man who regards his own life and that of his fellow creatures as meaningless is not merely unfortunate but almost disqualified for life.

—Albert Einstein, theoretical physicist

Mrs. Juanita Rendon Of Grantsville Enjoys Life at 106

Mrs. Juanita Cisneros Rivera Rendon of Grantsville, Utah's oldest woman, celebrated her 106th birthday anniversary May 13 with a family party at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Andrea Ortego in Grantsville.

Born May 13, 1862 at Costilla, N.M., she was the daughter of Antonio and Cisionita Vallejoa Cisneros. She married Francisco Rivera at Costilla on Nov. 18, 1875. They were the parents of six sons and ten daughters. Mr. Rivera died in 1924. One of her daughters is now 91.

In 1928 she married Nabor Rendon. They moved to Grantsville in 1951 where Mr. Rendon died in 1956.

Mrs. Rendon attributes her remarkable longevity to hard work and her religious faith.

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Marble Bench In Park Honors Mrs. Bodell Jensen

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers have presented a marble bench to the Salt Lake City Parks Department to be placed in the new Sugar House Park in honor of Mrs. Bodell C. Jensen, who was a chapter leader in the DUP prior to her death in 1963. The presentation and dedicatory prayer was by Horace A. Sorensen, president of Southeast Furniture, representing the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Mr. Sorensen, whose mother Lily is a member of the Sugar House DUP camp, traced the site history from the time it was selected as the site of the old Utah State Prison to its dedication as a Salt Lake City park.

Parks Commissioner Conrad B. Harrison accepted the bench from the outgoing camp captain, Mrs. Alta R. Winzenried.

Also present at the presentation were Warren L. White, superintendent of parks and public property, Ray L. Free, Sugar House Chamber of Commerce and George Stringfellow, park director.

Mrs. Bodell C. Jensen was born May 3, 1868, in an adobe house situated on land now occupied by the park. She died in 1963. Five of her six surviving sons and daughters were present for the ceremony.

The new bench is located in front of the rock garden near the center of the park.



*Dr. Edward L. Rich
... honors for centarian*

Dr. Rich Paid Honors On 100th Birthday

Dr. Edward L. Rich, oldest member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, was the cynosure at two extraordinary events recently. Pres. Francis L. Christensen presented the beloved physician with the official Centenarian Badge at his home in Ogden on his birthday April 16 and he and Mrs. Annie R. Smith, also a centarian, cut the ribbon to inaugurate ZCMI's 100th Anniversary.

Last of Utah's old-time country doctors, he has brought more than 5,000 babies into the world. He has long been active in Church, civic and medical activities. Recently the Ogden SUP Luncheon Club paid the venerable M.D. especial honors and last year he was made a member of the select and exclusive Weber County Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Redd, 103, Of Monticello, Closes Rich Life

The recent death of Mrs. Lucinda Pace Redd, 103, of Monticello constitutes not only a great loss to her community, her state and her Church, but is also a reminder of the rich pioneer heritage, we Utahns enjoy. Mrs. Redd was a rugged frontierswoman and yet a lady of culture and refinement.

She was closely associated with pioneering in southern Utah, particularly the area around Bluff, Utah. Her husband was a member of the heroic Hole - In - The Rock Expedition. In and around Bluff, she served as a practical nurse in the days when there were no doctors for many barren miles around.

Mrs. Redd was president of the San Juan Stake Relief Society, presiding over an area that stretched from Moab to Bluff, to Farmington, N.M. to Durango, Colo. It was rough, rugged country settled by men and women to match their mountains. Some of that territory was not free from Indian troubles until after 1922.

Lucinda Redd was a true pioneer heroine, one of the invincibles that conquered almost every hardship to which the Mormon pioneers were subjugated.

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Mrs. Lillie Anderson Sorensen, Age 90, Keeps Active, Alert With Handiwork

"To live a long and happy life one must keep busy."

This was the admonition of Mrs. Lillie Anderson Sorensen which she gave to her family and some friends at a party given in her honor at her 90th birthday May 7, at her home, 3000 Conner St.

Mrs. Sorensen, mother of Horace A. Sorensen, president and general manager of Southeast Furniture Company and premier builder of pioneer museums and monuments, carries out her own wise counsel making quilts, blankets, shawls, pillows and other handiwork. She is busy too, with the Bodell Jensen Chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and counselor in the Relief Society of her ward.

One of Mrs. Sorensen's projects over the years has been to make beautifully-designed quilts for each of her 28 grandchildren. Much of her art was on display at her birthday party.

Mrs. Sorensen was born May 7, 1878, in Ephraim, Sanpete County, to pioneer John August and Marie Ann Nielsen Anderson. She was married to S. C. Sorensen on Aug. 25, 1897. Mr. Sorensen was the founder of South East Furniture Co. in 1925. He died in 1948.

The Sorensen's had eight sons and daughters, seven of whom are still living.



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Lillie Anderson Sorensen
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Pioneer Curator, Mrs. Melville, Dies At Age 92

Mrs. Maude Crane Melville, 92, pioneer curator, historian, civic and church worker died May 18 of natural causes. She was the mother of Mrs. Horace (Ethel) Sorensen, co-founder of Pioneer Village.

She was also co-founder of Pioneer Museum in the old State House in Fillmore. She located and purchased the famous Harney Coach, at Fort Bridger, Wyo. now on display at Pioneer Village.

Mrs. Melville was also instrumental in establishing a museum in Kanosh in the original old stone LDS Tithing Office in that community. She was president of the 33rd Ward Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She worked for many years in the Primary, Sunday School, Mutual Improvement Association and Relief Society of the LDS Church. She was also active in the Republican Party.

She was born June 18, 1875, in Kanosh, to George and Anne Howe Crane. She was the first woman to leave Kanosh to attend school and graduated from Brigham Young Academy in Provo. She was a member of the Emeritus Club and taught school in Kanosh and Fillmore.

She was married to James Alexander Melville May 30, 1900 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He died Oct. 25, 1942.

Survivors are daughters Mrs. Horace A. (Ethel) Sorensen, Mrs. Ernest C. (Olita) Clayton and Mrs. Alma H. (Naomi) Cottam. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren. A son, Alton Crane Melville, died.

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—Edwin Conklin, biologist

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SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—

A new figure of a Mormon Battalion soldier will be erected here in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of San Diego.

The statue, heroic-sized and of bronze, will feature a marching soldier with a rifle over his shoulder, pack on his back, and a Book of Mormon clasped in his hand. The figure will be by Ed Fraughton, Utah artist.

The 9½-foot figure, cast in bronze for outdoor exposure, will rest on a cast-stone base with a concrete curtain as a backdrop. Several bronze tablets attached to the curtain wall will explain the accomplishments of the Mormon Battalion and give a brief history of its historic trek which ended at San Diego. The Battalion spent the winter of 1846-47 building the historic old fort and other community facilities.

Cost of the monument will be approximately \$18,000.

The 23 chapters of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in Utah and California, comprising approximately 1,200 members, will conduct projects, promote subscriptions, and otherwise procure funds for the project. Francis L. Christensen of Brigham City, Utah, is chairman of the board of directors.

The accomplishments of the Mormon Battalion during the War with Mexico were extolled by Lt. Col Phillip St. George Cooke, commanding officer, in a citation which reads in part:

"History may be searched in vain for an equal march of infantry. Half of it has been through a wilderness where nothing but savages and wild beasts are found, or deserts where, for want of water, there is no living creature. There, with almost hopeless labor, we have dug wells which the future traveler will enjoy.

"Without a guide who had traveled them, we have ventured into trackless tablelands where water was not found for several marches. With crowbar and pick or axe in hand we have worked our way over mountains which seemed to defy ought save the wild mountain goat, and hewed a pass through a chasm of rock narrower than our wagons."

The battalion did all this in fulfilling an official U.S. Army assignment unprecedented in the U.S. Military history:

It made the longest infantry march ever undertaken, more than 2,000 miles.

The Battalion opened the first wagon road to the Pacific over the southern route.

It was instrumental in acquiring a vast southwestern empire for the United States.

It was instrumental in acquiring a vast southwestern empire for the United States.

It raised the Stars and Stripes for the first time over Fort Tucson (Ariz.) and Fort Moore in what was then the settlement of Los Angeles.

After mustering out in California, the soldiers worked during the winter, purchased much-needed supplies and seeds to take to the new colony in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake.

More than 500 members of the Mormon Battalion were enlisted from the advance group of the westbound pioneers. Five companies were formed at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mt. Pisgah, 180 miles to the east. They left on July 21, 1846, to march to Fort Leavenworth to receive supplies and equipment for the expedition to the Pacific.

They marched through Pueblo, Santa Fe, Fort Tucson, San Diego, and on to Los Angeles where now stands an impressive monument to the Mormon Battalion at Fort Moore, near the Los Angeles Civic Center.



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